

The Aurora

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The stories as far as the Auroras a lot of them are stories of something when you grow up with, it's not really a big deal although they are pretty, and they're out there, they're beautiful to look at. One of the experiences that we've had when we were out hunting; my wife and two of my oldest kids, we have a little cabin about 135 miles south from here and we were out hunting and going back to the cabin. We ran short on gas and so we had to walk the last mile and a half or so. And during that time we were between two big hills and it's dark out, y'know, and we're talking about mid-March or so even though we get a lot more daylight by then but we had got, tried getting back to the cabin in the dark and the moon wasn't out and we were trying to get over the last hill to get to our cabin and we couldn't see too well. And so we prayed, Lord we need help here and the Aurora just lit up in that area, came down and you could hear them crackling and it just lit up that whole hillside to where we found our way to be able to climb up on that hill to get to our cabin. I've never seen them that close before, but that was amazing. But the stories as far as the Auroras, a lot of them are stories of old that I think they were just told to kids to help them to behave, and one of them was to tell the kids you better watch out, better be good, better listen to your mom and dad and your elders or otherwise when you go outside the Aurora is going to cut your head off. But there is that song Kiibuyat the Aurora is called the Kiibuyat and I don't know if anybody has sang it to you yet but it's (sings song in native tongue). That's the song of Kiibuyat.